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For: HEMOFILTRATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS  
THAT MAINTAIN STERILE EXTRACORPOREAL  
PROCESSING CONDITIONS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendment, which is responsive the Office Action in the same application dated October 16, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated January 9, 2007.